

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 9 July 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002429

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the following:

- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
- Item 14 (Military Education):
 - Basic Leadership Course
 - 67U CH-47D (Medium Helicopter Repairer) Course

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Basic Leadership Course Certificate, February 1987
- DD Form 214

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
2. The applicant states he is requesting correction of his DD Form 214 to show the Korea Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Basic Leadership Course and the 67U CH-47D Course.
3. The applicant provides a certificate that shows he completed the Basic Leadership Course, Class 2-87, from 6 February 1987 to 27 February 1987.
4. The applicant's service records are not available for review by the Board. An exhaustive search was conducted to locate the service records, but they could not be found. The only documents available were the documents provided by the applicant.

These documents are sufficient for the Board to conduct a fair and impartial review of this case. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows the following:

- a. On 15 November 1984, he enlisted in the Regular Army.
- b. On 14 November 1987, he was honorably released from active duty. He completed 3 years of active service. It also shows the following:
 - item 11 (Primary Specialty Number, Title and years and months in Specialty) – 67D Medium Helicopter Repairer, 22 years and 6 months
 - item 12f (Foreign Service) – 11 months and 28 days
 - item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) he was awarded or authorized the Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbons, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, and the Army Lapel Button
 - item 14 (Military Education) – Medium Helicopter Repairer Course, 14 weeks, 1985

6. The applicant did not provide proof of service in Korea, nor did the staff of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service office provide verification of foreign service.

7. A review of the applicant's record confirms he is eligible for an award and completion of military education that are not recorded on his DD Form 214. The entries will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the majority of the Board found that relief was not warranted, while a minority of the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered counsel's statement, the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. The evidence of record does not substantiate the applicant's claim of service in Korea, nor has the applicant provided independent documentation to establish such service. The burden of proof rests with the applicant to demonstrate entitlement. As the applicant has failed to meet this burden, the Board finds no basis upon which to grant relief. Accordingly, the applicant's request is denied.

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction is completed to more accurately depict the military service of the applicant

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	XXX	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
XXX	:	XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board found the evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

X //SIGNED//

CHAIRPERSON

I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

A review of the applicant's records show he was awarded or authorized the following awards and military education not reflected on his DD Form 214 for the service period ending 14 November 1987. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 to show:

- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
- Basic Leadership Course 3 weeks, 1987

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.

2. Army Regulation 15-185 (ABCMR) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity, which is that what the Army did was correct. The ABCMR is not an investigative body and decides cases based on the evidence that is presented in the military records provided and the independent evidence submitted with the application. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separations), in effect, at the time, prescribes policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. It consolidates the policies, principles of support, and standards of service regarding processing personnel for transition. Chapter 2 (Instructions for Preparing DD Form 214) provides detailed instructions for data required in each item of the DD Form 214.

a. Item 12f (Foreign Service): Enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered in item 12c (Net Active Service this Period).

b. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Entries will be for all periods of service. Check soldiers' service records for validity of awards.

c. Item 14 (Military Education): List formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by title, length in weeks, and month and year completed.

4. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

a. The Korea Defense Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on active duty in support of the

defense of the Republic of Korea. The period of eligibility is 28 July 1954 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.

b. The Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. It is awarded to Active Army, Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers for successful completion of designated NCO professional development courses.

Effective 30 March 1989, a service member will be awarded the NPDR with the numeral which identifies the highest level of NCOES successfully completed as follows:

- 1 = Bar Ribbon Device = Primary Level
- 2 = Basic Level
- 3 = Advanced Level
- 4 = Senior Level

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